



Avenue of Mangoes in the Botanic Garden of Rio de Janeiro.

These trees, apparently all seedlings, were brought from India during the reign of the Emperor Don Joao VI, probably about 1808. As far as known none of them has ever matured any fruits, although they bloom profusely at times and even set fruits which grow to the size of a walnut before they fall. Dr. Willis, director of the garden, attributes this to the low, wet soil in which they are growing. The trunks have been hacked to encourage fruiting, a custom widely practiced among the natives of this region. Hacking is always done on the day of Sao Joao Baptista, the 24th of June. Dorsett, Popenoe, and Shamel Photograph No. 506. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.